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SUBJECT: ENERGY: PREPARATION FOR WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE

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1. AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED ENERGY CONFERENCE WITH FINANCE MINISTER

LA MALFA AT LUNCH FEB. 1. LA MALFA SAID HE WILL BE ATTENDING THE

FEB 11 MEETING AND HAD URGED HIS EC COLLEAGUES TO DO SO AS WELL,

ALTHOUGH HE EXPECTED SOME WOULD BE SENDING THEIR DEPUTIES. HE

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IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE MEETING AND TO SEEING SECRETARY SHULTZ.

HE WAS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT ITALY'S PROJECTED 1974 CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT, CITING A FIGURE OF \$7 BILLION.

2. ON FEB 4 TREASURY REP DISCUSSED GOI PARTICIPATION ON FINANCIAL SIDE WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL PALUMBO OF TREASURY. PALUMBO SAID THAT HE WAS NOT CERTAIN THAT LA MALFA WILL GO TO WASHINGTON DUE TO TIGHT SCHEDULE, LEADING US TO SUSPECT THAT EC COUNTRIES MAY DECIDE NOT TO SEND FINANCE MINISTERS TO CONFERENCE. (SEE LONDON 1550.) IN ANY CASE, WE UNDERSTAND THAT PALUMBO AND BANK OF ITALY VICE DIRECTOR GENERAL OSSOLA PLAN TO ATTEND CONFERENCE FOR FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF ENERGY.

3. RICCIULLI, ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MFA, CALLED IN ECON-COMM MINISTER FEB 4 TO PASS ON MESSAGE FROM FORMIN MORO, WHO MADE BRIEF STOPOVER ROME FEB 3 BETWEEN MIDDLE EAST TOUR AND BRUSSELS COUNCIL MEETING. MORO HAD SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED HIM TO CONVEY TO EMBASSY HIS APPRECIATION FOR INFORMATION ON BACKGROUND TO ENERGY CONFERENCE (STATE 19381, ROME 1468) AND TO INFORM US THAT GOI IS SEEKING TO WORK OUT A UNIFIED EC POSITION FOR THE MEETING. RICCIULLI BELIEVES THAT MFA WILL NOT BE IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS CONFERENCE FURTHER UNTIL AFTER COUNCIL MEETING.VOLPE

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